

claims

1. A process for signalling cost information in a telecommunications network comprising the steps:

5 - the subscriber's data terminal (1) establishes a connection to an exchange (2),

- the exchange has a call handling function (6) which makes a tariff request (10) to a tariff server (4),

10 - the tariff server sends a tariff response (11) for the requested connection to the call handling function (6) of the exchange (2),

15 - the call handling function (6) forwards the tariff response (11) to a CDR generating function (7) in the exchange,

20 - the CDR generating function (7) forwards cost information to the cost communication function (8) of the exchange (2),

- the cost communication function (8) communicates the cost information to the subscriber's data terminal.

25 2. A process for signalling cost information according to Claim 1, characterised in that the tariff server has access to a subscriber database containing current tariff data.

30 3. A process for signalling cost information according to Claim 1, characterised in that the current costs are updated upon the connection establishment and/or during

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the existing connection.

4. A process for signalling cost information according to Claim 1, characterised in that the information of the tariff server (4) is updated with the aid of a bill server (5).

5. A tariff server (4) with connections to the exchange (2)

- to a bill server (5)

- to a service operator (9)

- to a data terminal (9) of subscribers

- wherein the tariff server (4) has a charging rate function (13) which is connected to a subscriber database (14).

6. A tariff server (6) according to Claim 5, characterised in that the subscriber database (14) is adapted to the current cost situation by current data of the bill server (6).

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